# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# MINES
# LOK SABHA

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MINERAL RESOURCES FOR EXPORT
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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether any task force appointed by the Planning Commission has recommended for the opening of our mineral resources for exports ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would have any affect on the industrialisation of the country;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to reconsider the National Mineral Policy;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL & FERTILIZER AND MINISTRY OF MINES ( SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (f): As per available information, the Planning Commission has not appointed any task force for opening of mineral resources of the country for exports. However, the Government has recently enunciated new National Mineral Policy, 2008 which includes policy measures like assured right to next stage mineral concession, transferability of mineral concessions and transparency in allotment of concessions, in order to reduce delays which are seen as impediments to investment and technology flow in the mining sector in India. The new National Mineral Policy has been tabled in the Parliament and is available on the website of the Ministry of Mines(http://mines. nic.in).